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It's that time of the year to start thinking about the upcoming holiday seasons. This year may look somewhat different for most of us, but with all of us working together hopefully it will be a successful one, if not a memorable one. We at the Liquor Board are here to help you through them and bring in the Holiday cheer.

EVENTS. With more and more people getting out and about if you are thinking about holding Holiday events please make sure to give us plenty of notice to get approvals. Unless there is a change before the major holidays it may take longer for an approval to get through the outside agencies, so just keep these factors in mind and plan accordingly. We are here to work with you through the process and help with any questions that may come up whether it be Thanksgiving events or other Holiday parties/gathering.

Virtual Forum. We are in the process of organizing our first virtual Legislation Forum. Below are the topics that were gathered via email, fax and phone from the public and licensees. We will post the agenda with the call in information two weeks prior to the date. We hope to hear from everyone their concern or thoughts.

- Removing seating requirement Class B, BWL License
- Continuing Cocktail to go for Class B
- Correct Wine Content from 14.5% to 22%
- On-Site Consumption for Class A
- Salon/Barber Shop Change to one Bottle/Can Beer

<u>Upcoming Alcohol Awareness Classes</u>

September 1st & 3rd September 8th & 10th September 15th & 17th,September 22 & 24th September 29th, October 1st October 6th & 8th October 13th, & 20th October 20th, & 22nd

October 27th, & 29th

IMPORTANT DATES:

October 13, 2020 (Next Public Hearing)
October 23, 2020 (Legislative Forum)
October 26, 2020 (Public Hearing)

Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19). As you are aware we are still under phase 3 of the Governor's Executive Oder. You can continue to get updates/information by visiting <u>Frederick County Health Department's</u> website. Please note the FCLB office is still closed to the public but we are communicating regularly via email and phone, our website is also updated regularly. We will be sending out a policy on Board expectations on measures that they expect to be meet and maintained during this pandemic to help keep the community and your business safe. Please feel free to reach out to our office with any question or concerns you may have pertaining to these measures or any other matters that may come up as we all work through these unique times. As a reminder, we can be reached by emailed (LiquorBoard@FrederickCountyMD.gov), phone (301-600-2984) or you can visit our WEBSITE.

If you have a topic you would like to see featured in the bi-monthly newsletter, shoot an email to: LiquorBoard@FrederickCountyMD.gov

CHANGE OF PREMISE. This is a reminder that if you make ANY changes to your licensed premises, you must complete and submit a "Changes in Licensed Premises" form to the Board for approval, BEFORE any changes can be made. Once the changes are complete and approved by (if applicable, Zoning, Permits, Health Department, Fire Marshal and Occupancy Permit) licensees must contact the Board for final inspection of new or changed area.

Alcohol Awareness Training. Frederick County Liquor Board's S.A.S. Program is the only Virtual Alcohol Awareness training program that has been approved by the State of Maryland that includes Virtual Proctoring. Dawn Shugars has become the leading force in this training and the go to girl for leading the virtual training world in alcohol training in Maryland.

She has been offering class twice a week since her program has been approved and continues to makes strives on improving the process during each class.

To say she is a one of a kind trainer is not to far off track, her class is interactive, might I say fun and you learn something to boot.

These classes are offered at a reduced charge to help our licensees stay current and in compliance with the change in the law. Below is a breakdown of the current Regulation/State Code for Alcohol Awareness. If you need to register please visit our website to sign up for a class.

- A certified Alcohol Awareness person must be on premise at all times during service of alcohol.
- The certified person may be absent for 2 hours for a personal or business emergency but absence must be logged.
- Log must contain name, date, time of absence and reason.
- Log book must be available for inspection.
- Certificates of completion of Alcohol Awareness must be kept on premise and available for inspector or produced when requested.

We would like to congratulate all the new licensees for April-Sept 2020. We appreciate your investment in Frederick County and support for the community.

FREDERICK (Election District)

Warehouse Cinema's

Distilled

Upper Deck

Taj Mahal

One Stop Food Mart

Frederick Con't

Gambril Mountain Food

BRUNSWICK (Election District)

Boxcar Burgers

HAUVERS (Election District)

Catoctin Furnace

Message to Licensees: We would like to take this time to thank all the licensees for continuing to focus on the health and safety procedures that COVID has brought to the table so to speak. We know these have been difficult times for all of us to adjust and we appreciate everyone doing their part to see us through this pandemic. Hopefully the new year brings new tidings for us to enjoy!